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National League Averages Show McGraw's Star Better Than Others.

GIANTS' HURLERS AT TOP

Tesreau, Marquard, and Demaree Land Up Among the First Ten Slabmen.

Strolls Often.

The gentle art of getting to first base is held by Bob Bescher, of the Reds, in the National League. Bescher prevailed upon the pitchers to let him go scot free to the initial sack just ninety-four times last season. Miller Huggins, of the Cards, worked his friendly pitchers for ninety-two free trips, while Tommy Leach, of the Cubs, managed to wait them out seventy-seven times.

National League pitching averages published today show Christy Matheson, the Giants' premier hurler, to be the best in the circuit, almost as much so in the old league as Walter Johnson is in the American. The old master stands head and shoulders above the other old ones and newcomers. Compiled on the latest method of showing the average earned run, Matty leads with 2.66 per cent.

Babe Adams, the Pirates' mainstay, proves to be next to Matty. Adams pitched in more games than the veteran, and averages 2.15 per battle. Big Left Tesreau, the Ozark Mountain bear hunter, is third among the hurlers, with a mark of 2.17, while his running mate, Al Denareo, the artist hurler, is fourth. One noticeable thing about the averages published is the fact that four of Johnny McGraw's stars are in the first ten.

Rube Marquard, who is featuring in a home-week revival in vaudeville in New York at present, is eighth. The left-hander is 2.54 runs per game. Grover Alexander, the Phillies' star pitcher, is well down the list. Alexander tops the circuit in slouts on having blanked the opposition no less than seven times during the season.

Larry Cheney, the Cubs' pride, proved to be the iron man of the circuit. Cheney pitched in fifty-four games during the season and led the league in wild heaves, being credited with nineteen. In contrast to this is Matty's remarkable record of having three wild pitches and no hit batsmen. In this respect Jimmy Lavender led, having pitched thirteen batters who opposed him.

Season, the Phillies' pitcher, fanned 184 batters during the season, just one more than Lefty Tesreau. The wildest hurler in the circuit proved to be Sam Rice, with 125 wild pitches. In contrast to his smooth performance, in which he gave but twenty-one free passes during the season, other wild men were McGraw, 115; Tyler, 107.

Willie, the Giants' relief pitcher, led those who threw in more games, but failed to finish them out, or went to the aid of a struggling pal. Willie averaged 1.5 runs per game, and scored off him in the seventh game of the season he took part. "Doc" Crandall is next, with 2.0 runs per game.

Chicago averaged 2.27 bases on balls per game, its pitchers being the wild men of the circuit. The Browns, led by Tyler's loose-jointed arm, gave 2.17 bases on balls per game. The Giants pitched more balls than any other club, averaging 2.21 per game.

Matty is the best of the National League hurlers. His record during the past campaign is approached by Adams, of the Pirates, and a comparison of the two shows the Pittsburgh star to be a bit behind. Adams pitched in forty-three games, while the old master took part in forty. Matty won twenty-five and Adams got twenty-one. Matty lost eleven and Adams ten.

In allowing base hits Adams proved to be better, the opposition getting to him for but 21. While Matty's team touched up for twenty more. In control, however, the famous fade-away artist basit all over his younger rival. Adams allowed but twenty-one bases on balls during the entire season, while Adams passed forty-nine batters. In all, Adams allowed 14 to his credit. While Matty got but ninety-three.

A comparison of the National League leader with the pitching of Walter Johnson is not amiss, although the records of the two are not as close as might be supposed. In the sum total of the season's work as judged by average earned runs per game, Matty is far behind Walter in this respect.

Johnson during the season in forty-seven games allowed 1.66 earned runs per game, as contrasted with the 2.66 for McGraw's pitcher. Each hurler had three wild pitches, and Johnson had thirty-eight bases on balls, while Matty allowed but twenty-one. It is not remembered, though, that Walter pitched in forty more games than Matty, allowing 2.66 runs per game, while Johnson took him as the pride of Washington shut out the opposing batters with only one run.

During the whole season Matty was not out for seventy earned runs, while Walter's performance was good enough to show the opposition that forty-two earned runs. In fact, Johnson allowed but fifty-four runs, earned or not, during the season. Matty failed to hit a single batsman during the season, while Johnson, not touching up the batters with his terrific speed, Matthewson's ninety-three strike-outs for the year are more than doubled by Johnson's 32. In preparation for the season's work, Johnson struck out seventy-five more batters than Seaton, the Phillies' star, who was the leader for the National League.

Want the Sox.

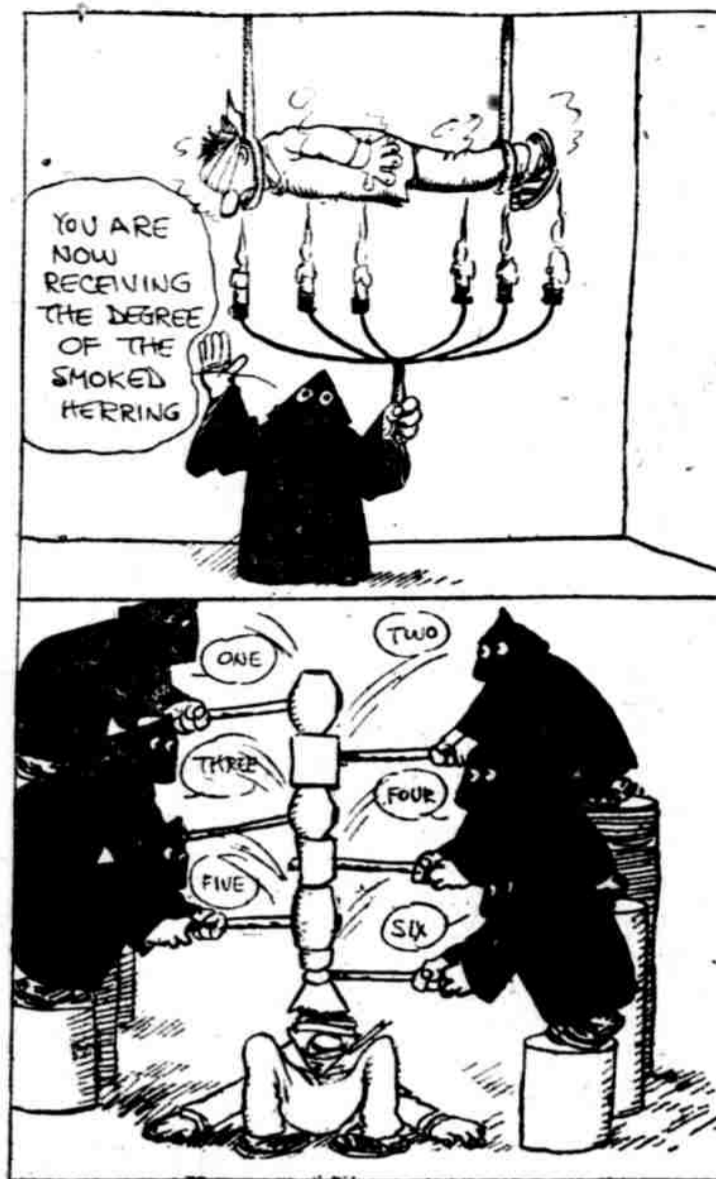
CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Paso Robles, Boyne Springs, and Pasadena have made offers for owner Comiskey to have the White Sox put in their spring practice in one of these California cities. Paso Robles is the health springs resort where the team worked out last spring.

BEST SPORT PAGES IN WASHINGTON

Plenty of Battles Open Week's Bowling Schedule

By Goldberg

What Are You Gonna Do With It?



BINGLES AND BUNTS

By GRANTLAND RICE.

Afterwards.

(It has been announced by the Society for Psychical Research that the spirit of a certain well-known artist, who died some years ago, is still painting real pictures on tangible canvases.—Exchange.)

Soul of my soul and spirit of my pen,
If thou returnest to the job again
When I have "shuffled off this mortal coil"
And fled the earthly coop of sin and apoll,
Passed to my sleep and dreams of endless rest;
I shall arise from out the graveyard's gloom,
And seek thee with a slab from off my tomb.
If thou returnest to this daily curse
Of grinding out this daily verse—and worse—
I shall arise from out the graveyard's gloom,
And seek thee with a slab from off my tomb.

'Tis had enough along life's brief, quick road
To head beneath the burdened sinner's load.
To burn the midnight oil and not have earned
The price to pay for said oil have burned;
But, oh, my dearer God, do thou remember,
When this is through give me some sort of show
Beneath the dust and daisies, dewy wet,
The stuff that I have written for thee yet.
Return then, at your peril—if you do
There'll be a sick ghost when I'm done with you.

And yet, some how, there lies one recompense—
To find these working when I've fluttered thence
To mingle with the million birds who've passed
In soul and want and hunger to the last.
To lift my head above the Rhyming Brood
Who linger in some Twilight Solitude—
Who look at me in reverent wonderland,
When through their aid, O spirit, it may be
To show the "ghost" at least "walked" once for me.

A Pair of Headlines.

DEC. 10, 1913.—GOVERNOR TENER UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL LEAGUE.
APRIL 27.—MAGNATES ASSAIL TENER; DENOUNCE HIS UMPIRES.

It would be a fine thing for intercollegiate sport if Yale, Harvard, or Princeton could be hooked up with Chicago or Michigan. The rivalry would not be as keen as that rivalry now backed up by long years of tradition—and both sections would be in a position to learn quite a number of things worth learning.

If Yale could meet Chicago and Princeton or Harvard could be linked with Michigan, we would have by all odds the most interesting and the most instructive season the game has ever known. Teams that only meet year after year are bound to drop back into the rut. The soul of humanity in general is broadened only by experience—not by walking a treadmill or adopting some set routine.

Could Yale beat Chicago? Could Michigan beat Princeton or Harvard? No one in the world knows and only the impetuous would be willing to launch a guess. But there would come a great little opportunity to compare systems and pave the way for a better all-around game.

Our All-American—1913.

Center—Hercules, Mexico University.
Right guard—Carl Morris, White Hope College.
Left guard—The Panama Canal.
Right tackle—Garry Hermann, Redland Institute.
Left tackle—The Federal League.
Right end—Bill Sulzer.
Left end—Fingling, of Peoria.
Quarterback—The Income Tax.
Left half—Christmas Shopping.
Right half—Work.
Fullback—The High Cost of Living.

SNAPPY SPORT NEWS

The Virginians and Engineers have concluded to play their football game next Sunday, at the University of Virginia, at the rival school, found the hold too muddy to play the contest yesterday, and it was decided to hold the event next week.

Catholic University freshmen basketball players are holding it all over the Johnsons today, having accomplished a 15-0 victory in the upper classmen game. The standing of the league remains the same as when last published. The freshmen have now won and lost a contest.

Bobby Williams, Johnny Boice, Puggy Holland, and the rest of the Carroll Institute cracks are getting in their work-outs in preparation for the South Atlantic championship run to be held in Baltimore on New Year Day.

Virginia authorities say they will wait until January before determining whether or no they will play Georgetown next fall. In the meantime it is said that Captain-elect Bobby Goch may not return to Charlottesville if he gets the Western scholarship award.

West High School is going to tackle the Friends School team tomorrow afternoon in the Friends Business was beaten by the Quakers in their first engagement.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL ATTRACTING THROG

Forty-Five Thousand Fans See Tottenham Hotspur Defeat West Bromwich Albion.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Blackburn Rovers entertained Chelsea yesterday in the English Association football league and delighted their own supporters by winning a fine game by 3 to 1, and as Manchester United were also successful. Tottenham Hotspur received a visit from West Bromwich Albion, and before 4,000 supporters won in great style by 3 to 0. Middlesbrough playing desperately to get away from the bottom of the league, beat Newcastle United by 3 to 0, and Oldham Athletic, going to Bradford, created a big surprise by beating the city team, 1 to 0.

The attraction in the second division was the game between Woolwich Arsenal and Leeds City on the ground of the former. Both teams are out for promotion this season, and a splendid game resulted in a win for the Arsenal by the only goal scored. Bradford, losing to Barnsley, 3-0. The results: Barnsley, 3; Huddersfield, 0. Lincoln City, 0; North Forest, 1. Woolwich Arsenal, 1; Grimsby Town, 1. Gillingham, 1; Hull City, 1. Barnsley, 3; Fulham, 1. North County, 2. Bradford, 1. Stockport, 1. Clapton, 1. Orient, 1. Leeds City, 0. Bristol City, 0. Blackpool, 1. Wolverhampton, 0. Leicester, 0; Birmingham, 0.

All the Southern League teams, with one exception, played fine to form, and in consequence the positions in the table are hardly altered from last week. Southampton created a sensation by going to West Ham and scoring a fine game by 1 to 0. Swindon Town easily held first place and further improved their position by beating Millwall on their own ground by 2 to 0. Crystal Palace and Brighton and Hove, who are pressing each other hard for second place, both won their games, the former disposing of Watford 2 to 0 and the latter Merthyr Town 1 to 0. Queens Park Rangers have improved wonderfully since their new manager, Horie, took over. Newcastle United took charge of them, and by beating Coventry City 3 to 0 have climbed to fifth place in the table. The results: West Ham United, 1; Southampton, 1. Bristol Rovers, 2; Portsmouth, 1. Merthyr Town, 0; Brighton and Hove, 1. Reading, 2; Norwich City, 2. Southampton, 2; Gillingham, 1. Plymouth Argyle, 2. Northampton, 1; Bristol City, 0. Watford, 0; Queens Park Rangers, 2. Coventry City, 0; Swindon Town, 2. Millwall, 0; Cardiff City, 1; Exeter City, 1.

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Halfback appears to be the most popular position, with quarterback, center, and tackle all tied for second honors. Ends are the longest on the list, as is shown by the following table: Halfbacks, 7; centers, 2; tackles, 1; quarterbacks, 4; guards, 2; fullbacks, 2; ends, 1.

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SIX-DAY RIDERS SHATTER RECORDS

Start Right in Setting New Marks—First Spill Occurs in Annual Grind.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Records began to topple almost with the start of the six-day bicycle race which started at Madison Square Garden today just one minute after midnight. The riders covered twenty-five miles and six laps during the first hour, one lap better than the previous world's mark established last year by Rutt and Fogler.

The six-day fans were as much in evidence as the six-day riders. They thronged the upper galleries long before the start of the race, and many had come prepared to sit it out until the riders flashed across the line Saturday night. The familiar odor of the frying frankfurter told how they got their food. The first serious spill occurred early today, when Bobby Walthour and Applethorn, of Germany, collided and rolled down the embankment. Carmen struck both riders, and was thrown heavily. He was picked up unconscious, with a fractured right collarbone. Walthour and Applethorn escaped with a shaking up. A physician strapped up Carmen's arm for that he might continue to ride, but said the racing probably would have to retire soon. At the end of seven hours all teams were tied at 166 miles 5 laps. The former record was 166 miles.

Chicago Is in Favor Of Meeting Harvard

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—That President Judson, of the University of Chicago, would call a meeting "soon" to consider Harvard's challenge for a football game at Cambridge next October 24 or 25, was the only statement that could be obtained from Maroon athletic authorities today on the proposed inter-collegiate contest.

Word from Coach Stagg, at Pinehurst, N. C., today said that such a game was "a matter of conjecture." However, it is known that both officials and students of the University of Chicago are strongly in favor of meeting Harvard in the state of the Western conference's stand against such games.

TOBACCO HABIT

A very interesting book has been published on tobacco habit—how to conquer it quickly and easily. It tells the dangers of excessive smoking, chewing, snuff, etc., and explains how nervousness, irritability, sleeplessness, weak eyes, stomach troubles and numerous other disorders may be eliminated through stopping self-poisoning by tobacco. The man who has written this book wants to genuinely help all who have become addicted to tobacco habit and says there's no need to suffer that awful craving or restlessness, which comes when one tries to quit voluntarily. This is no mind-cure or temperance sermon tract, but plain common sense, clearly set forth. The author will send it free, postpaid, in plain wrapper. Write, giving name and address, to: Postcard will do. Address: Edward J. Woods, 234 Sixth Ave., 411 G, New York City. Keep this advertisement, it is likely to save the best news you ever read in this journal.—Adv.

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PROFESSIONAL GAME WILL BE DISCUSSED

Summer Baseball Will Be Aired Thoroughly When Professors Gather in Gotham.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 8.—The eighth annual meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association will be held at the Hotel Astor on Saturday, December 8. The morning session will begin at 10:30 o'clock, when Dean Le Baron R. Briggs, of Harvard, will make an address and the Rev. Edmund Peabody, D. D., will speak on "The Ideals of Sport in England and America." Dr. Peabody is a graduate of Cambridge, England. Dr. George W. Ehler, of Wisconsin, will speak on "The Regulation of Intercollegiate Athletics," while Dr. J. N. Smith, the organizer of the game of basketball, will speak on that branch of sport. The afternoon session will be given to the reports of the representatives of the various college districts throughout the country. Dr. Harry Williams, of Minnesota, will report on football during the last season and Dr. Ehler will give a report on football fatalities during the year.

One of the most interesting features of the meeting will be the report on summer baseball. The organizers have been trying for several years to stamp out the professional feature of college baseball, and this year Dr. E. H. Nichols, the Harvard baseball coach, will deliver an address on the much-discussed question. Dr. C. V. P. Young, of Cornell, will discuss the same subject.

Bill Crowell Is Named To Coach Lafayette Team

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 8.—At a meeting of the alumni committee of the Lafayette College Athletic Association Saturday night at the Pomfret Club, W. G. Crowell, of Swarthmore, a well-known football official, was elected as coach of the Lafayette team for next year.

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Tonight's Bowling Schedule

National Capital—Capitol Hills vs. Westminister—Rods vs. Blues, Greens vs. Whites.
Casinos.
Commercial—Star vs. General Baking Company.
Arcade—Holmeads vs. Imperials.
Southern Ry.—Mechanical vs. Managers.
R. R. Y. M. C. A.—Terminal vs. Shops.
Morrisette—Young Men's Shop vs. District National Bank.
Georgetown Commercial—Arlington vs. B. & O.
Colonial—Virginians vs. Manhattans.

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